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LETTER DATED 17 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 16 June 1993 from Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the Iranian attacks on the border areas in northern Iraq during the months of May and June 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex, the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 16 June 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, during May and June 1993, the Iranian armed forces carried out a series of attacks on the border areas in northern Iraq. The Iranian artillery bombarded a number of villages and townships, and the bombardment caused widespread death or injury among the population and large-scale displacement of the families resident there to locations further inside Iraqi territory, so that these areas were emptied of their inhabitants, who, in addition, suffered large property losses.

The continuation of the brutal Iranian artillery bombardment constitutes blatant and inadmissible aggression that threatens security and stability in the region, which makes it imperative that the Iranian regime be made to realize the gravity of the acts of aggression that it is committing inside Iraqi territory and that it be made to bear full international responsibility for the consequences thereof. Iraq reserves its full right to take measures under the Charter and international law to protect its legitimate rights and interests and to defend its security, the safety of its people and its right to compensation for the damage resulting from these hostile acts.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq, in drawing your attention to the extent of the gravity of this aggression, requests you to intervene in order to prevent the Iranian side from repeating these acts that violate the norms of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq